GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department – Delegation of powers to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, to notify the Compensatory Afforestation lands as Protected Forest under section 24 of the A.P.Forest Act, 1967 in accordance with powers conferred under section 69 of the A.P.Forest Act, 1967 – Notification – Issued.

ENVIRONEMNT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.66 **Dated.19.09.2023**
Read:-

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.6336/2023/WLR-1, dated 25.07.2023.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh in his letter read above, has stated that the process of notification of Compensatory Afforestation land as Protected Forest under section 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 is causing considerable delay and while the notification proposals are under examination, the proposed lands are being reoccupied by the erstwhile owners of the Compensatory Afforestation lands leading to unnecessary litigations and delay in implementation of Compensatory Afforestration Programme.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has requested to delegate the powers to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, to notify the Compensatory Afforestation lands as Protected Forest under section 24 of the A.P.Forest Act, 1967 in accordance with powers conferred under section 69 of the A.P.Forest Act, 1967, so as to complete the notification process in expeditious manner.

3. As per section 24(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, the Government may, by notification, declare any forest or waste land which is the property of the Government or which is placed under their control for management and which is not included in a reserve forest, to be a protected forest and, on such declaration, the provisions of Chapter-III of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 shall apply to such protected forest.

4. After careful examination of the proposal, the Government have decided to delegate the powers to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, to notify the Compensatory Afforestation lands as Protected Forest under section 24 of the A.P.Forest Act, 1967 in accordance with powers conferred under section 69 of the A.P.Forest Act, 1967.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

6. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated:20.09.2023

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 69 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 (Act No.1 of 1967), the Government hereby delegate the powers to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh to

notify Compensatory Afforestation lands as Protected Forest under section 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, duly following the procedure:

i. After mutation of the land in Revenue Records in favour of the Forest Department and after obtaining the Encumbrance Certificate from Registration Department, the concerned DFO shall survey the area and prepare proposals for notifying the land under section 24 of Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967. While sending the proposals, the DFOs shall include the details of Sy.Nos and the names of the owners from whom the lands were purchased /acquired.

ii. The proposals so prepared shall be circulated to the District Collector concerned for his concurrence and also to record in the Register of Prohibited Properties and also to include under section 22(a) of Registration Act, 1908 to prevent occupations or registrations in future.

iii. After receipt of the proposals from the District Collector, those proposals shall be sent to the Head Office through the concerned Circle Head.

iv. On receipt of the proposals, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall publish a notification in State Gazette declaring the said land as Protected Forest under section 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing, and Stationery, and Stores Purchase (printing), Vijayawada, A.P.– 520011-with a request to publish the notification in the extraordinary issue of the A.P.Gazette and furnish 50 copies of the same to Government.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur.

Copy to:
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration,
Andhra Pradesh.
All the District Collectors.
All CCFs/CFs/DFOs through the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.
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SECTION OFFICER